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'TIS THE SEASON TUNES

Many of Eastern's musical groups took to the stage to help ring in the holiday season with a collection of seasonal music.

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NETTING NEBRASKA

Sabina Oroszova, a senior forward for the Eastern women's basketball team, helped secure a victory over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.

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University state funding remains unclear

By Debby Hernandez

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Eastern might face up to a 30 percent decrease in budget funding during the next fiscal year, Fall 2016, depending on what Gov.-elect Bruce Rauner's administration decides on higher education budget.

President Bill Perry said the governor must still gather all information from places that are state funded before presenting a budget in the spring.

"We have not received anything from the governor's office with any specific instructions," Perry said.

Paul McCann, the interim vice president for business affairs and treasurer, said

the 30 percent arrived from a possible decrease in the university budget from this academic year and next year.

"Is it 10 percent this year, and another 20 percent next year?" McCann asked. "It's not clear, and nobody has stepped up to give us the answer to that."

The governor and his administration do not determine the budget alone; Congress' appropriated committees for higher education also play part, Perry said.

"The development of the state budget is a political process that involves the governor's office of management and budget, (and Congress) and their constituents," Perry said. "All universities, community colleges, k-12, state agencies, everyone

comes and testifies before the committees as to the budget."

McCann said until specifics from the government are given, the university would continue to be conservative in expenditures.

"All these conservative measures are important in an environment where state funding is variable," McCann said. "It's still too early to know where the budget is going to end up."

Perry said there are three main issues, which could affect the budget.

One of the issues includes the issue with personal income tax and personal income tax.

"We know that at the end of December,

the previous increase drops off," Perry said. "What is unknown is whether in the legislative session in the spring, they will try to bring some of that back, and if they do, of course, that would help fill a budget hole."

Another issue is pensions and whether the Supreme Court in Illinois will declare the legislation unconstitutional.

"If that doesn't get resolved, then one of the potential things downstream is that universities, k-12, and other entities in the retirement system would have to start bearing some of normal costs of the pension system," Perry said.

The third issue surrounding the university budget is minimum wage.

"That would have impact in univer-

sities in terms of student workers," Perry said.

He said, however, cuts in the budget are not new, since former Governor Pat Quinn had asked for about a 20 percent decrease in higher education in the last session, which resulted in smaller cuts than expected.

"There are many moving parts in this budget process that we have to remember, scenarios that are put out there may bear no reality at all to what the final outcome is," Perry said.

He said the university will push stable funding, and will not make drastic increases.

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Marie Jazuiak, Rachel Anderson, Thomas Maennen and audience members play themselves in "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And then Some)" at the Charleston Ally Theater on Saturday.

Theatre blends Christmas classics

By Cassie Buchman

Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The play "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And then Some)" started off normally enough, when actor Thomas MacMullen came out on stage reading the beginning of "A Christmas Carol."

He was quickly interrupted, however, by fellow actor Rachel Anderson, who said she "Couldn't do another 'Christmas Carol,'" instead opting for a new take on holiday favorites.

This interruption set the scene for the rest of the show, a set of abridged versions of many different Christmas shows.

The actors even broke the fourth wall during their performance, such as when they asked audience members what came to mind when they thought of Christmas. Answers included "the birth of Jesus," the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

They also had audience members participate in the show when they had a girl from the audience play "Cindy-Lou-Who" from "The Grinch" and had a woman come on stage for a fruitcake trivia game.

The actors all took part in their own version of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," this time calling it "Gustav the Green-Nosed Reingoat."

Although they used a different animal and name for this version of Rudolph, the basic theme and plot of the story remained unchanged, with Gustav being excluded from the other reingoats because of his green nose and even an elf that wanted to be a dentist.

The elf and Gustav ended up going to what they said was "a place where everyone's a freak, even the mayor — Mattoon."

References such as these kept the audience engaged and attentive throughout the show.

Between stories, one actor came out to tell the audience about Christmas traditions in other countries while the others got ready backstage.

Along with Christmas stories, the show was filled with references to classic Christmas staples such as the fruitcake.

"Fruitcake is like the polka," actor Marie Jozwiak said. "Many like it, but few are

willing to admit it."

This fruitcake talk turned into a game about fruitcake, set up like a regular television game show complete with cue cards with the word "Applause" on it.

The game took a comical turn when actor Tom MacMullen was asked whether he believed in Santa Claus and had to explain to the audience why he did not.

"I had no idea you were so Santa Claustrophobic," Jozwiak said.

In the second act of the show, MacMullen was finally able to perform "A Christmas Carol," though not without another interruption.

During the part of "A Christmas Carol" where Scrooge (played by MacMullen) was supposed to be met by the ghost of his old partner Jacob Marley, (played by Rachel Anderson) Anderson instead came on stage dressed as the angel from "It's a Wonderful Life."

Anderson said this was because they forgot about it during the first act.

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Presidential search continues this week

By Stephanie Markham

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The search committee will interview one more candidate for Eastern's next president on Monday in Mattoon.

The presidential search advisory committee interviewed eight candidates for the position in Champaign last Monday through Wednesday.

Joseph Dively, the chair of the committee, said one candidate was out of the country last week, so the committee made plans to meet with that person at a later date.

The interview will take place in a closed session at 11 a.m. Monday in the Conference Room of

the Holiday Inn Express in Mattoon.

"It was just a scheduling thing," Dively said. "It would have been ideal to do all the interviews in the same time period, but we wanted to accommodate their travel schedule."

Dively said the committee plans to inform the candidates of its decision by the middle of this week, and announce the finalists to Eastern by the first week of January.

The committee also plans to begin interviewing finalists on campus in January.

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Residence hall work done during break

By Margaret Langevin

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As the semester comes to an end, Eastern's university housing and dining services will keep busy during the semester break making sure residents leave their rooms in the right condition and working on renovations.

Mark Hudson, the director of university housing and dining, said during the semester his department will turn down the heat in order to keep heating costs low, but not low enough where it would hurt any of the buildings.

He said they usually keep the temperatures in the upper 50s or lower 60s in non-occupied buildings. Those buildings that are still occupied during the break will remain at a comfort level around 70 degrees.

Hudson said there is a list of duties residents must do before leaving for break. One of those duties is to make sure all windows are closed and locked to prevent pipes from freezing and flooding rooms.

Cameron Craig, Eastern's climatologist and geographer, said tem-

peratures this winter will not be as high as last year. He said he forecasts temperatures to be mild during the semester break.

Students should also empty their trash cans to keep away bugs and to minimize health concerns, unplug everything except for refrigerators and aquariums, make sure their rooms are clean, check for fire hazards, close curtains if the resident lives on the ground level, turn off all the lights and make sure smoke detectors are working.

Hudson said there will be a minimum of two staff members per room to conduct safety and security checks of all rooms to ensure all the items on the list are completed by the residence.

If rooms are left with excessive trash, students will be charged.

The university housing and dining staff highly recommends students unplug all computer equipment. They said staff will not unplug anything that residents do not unplug.

Sometimes power will go out over breaks and power surges can occur.

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Members of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and members of the EIU Concert Choir, University Mixed Chorus, and the Oratorio Society perform a piece written by Ralph Vaughan Williams entitled "Fantasia on Christmas Carols."

Holiday concert brings Christmas spirit

By Cassie Buchman

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Eastern's Symphony Orchestra played to a full house at its Holiday Concert Sunday afternoon.

Symphony conductor Richard Rossi was unable to be at the concert because of his father's illness, so Timothy Renner, the director of the University Mixed Chorus, took over his conducting duties.

Renner passed on something Rossi told his choirs to the audience, "music heals all."

A graduate student conducted the first two songs.

The first song, "A Carol Symphony," was done in three movements, with one that was powerful and explored different versions of "God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen" and incorporated different melodies into the song.

For the next song, "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," the concert choir came to join the orchestra, all dressed in festive red and black.

Renner sang a baritone solo with the EIU Concert Choir, University Mixed Chorus and the Oratorio Society.

"Fantasia on Christmas Carol" used parts from Christmas carols such as "The First Nowell," "The Virgin Unspotted" and "The Wassail Bough" with the main melody coming from regional carols from Herefordshire and Sussex including "Come All you Worthy Gen-

tlemen," "On Christmas Night" and "There is a Fountain."

These carols were meant to tell the story of man's fall from grace and Christ's redemption, according to the concert program.

Renner took a break after this song to acknowledge and thank friends and family members of the orchestra and choir for coming to the show.

The men's chorus sang the next song, "Ave Maria," with a quartet of singers in the front.

The chorus stood in a circle around the orchestra on stage, allowing the music to fill the room.

The song was dedicated to those who died in Pearl Harbor as a commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day, which was also Sunday.

"Ave Maria" was a slow, steady song that fit the somber events it was commemorating.

With Rossi unable to be present for the concert that was supposed to be Thursday, "Lessons and Carols" was canceled.

"You can go, but there won't be any music," Renner said.

Because of this cancelation, Renner had the women's chorus sing a song from the "Lessons and Carols" concert they were originally supposed to do.

The song called "Tomorrow Shall be my Day" was sung from the point of view of the "Christ Child" on the day before he was going to be born.

The next song was the world



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Members of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and members of the EIU Concert Choir, University Mixed Chorus, and the Oratorio Society perform a piece written by Ralph Vaughan Williams entitled "Fantasia on Christmas Carols."

premiere of "Love Came Down at Christmas" composed by Rossi. Both the men and women's chorus came together to sing this song.

Renner took another moment before the song to acknowledge the students who would be leaving to graduate and student teach at the end of the fall semester.

"It has only been a short while I have been teaching them, but it has been short and sweet," he said.

The Charleston Advanced Chorus and Oratorio Society joined the University Mixed Cho-

rus, EIU Concert Choir and the Symphony Orchestra for the last song of the evening, "The Many Moods of Christmas."

The song was a medley of the songs "The First Noel," "I Saw Three Ships (Come Sailing In)" and "Deck the Halls."

The concert ended with a standing ovation and loud applause from the whole audience.

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Comedian entertains, connects with students

By Allison Henrichs

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Jonny Loquasto entertained students willing to brave the dreary weather conditions Friday evening with jokes involving adult topics, his interaction with patients as a physical therapist, and, what seemed to be his favorite area of focus—himself.

As part of the University Board's comedy series, Loquasto performed a stand-up comedy show to about 20 students in 7th Street Underground.

He had no shame in referring to himself as a "former fat kid from Pennsylvania" and poking fun at his Division II college basketball career at the University of Sciences in Philadelphia, a school of barely 2,000 students when he attended.

He said he had 10 total points in his career.

The audience responded well to the stories he told about his parents allowing him to dress up as a "wide load" tractor trailer for Halloween, his dates gone wrong,

Ebola, and strip club visits.

Loquasto said he has performed for a range of audiences, including middle schools, troops overseas, and nursing homes.

He said he prefers audiences who are in their mid-20s or 30s because he can relate to them the most, but he also enjoys performing for college students.

Loquasto also interacted with the audience by asking them questions about what type of dog they had, their majors, and even calling some people out in order to transition into jokes.

He welcomed some audience members who walked in late and joked with them when they hesitated to respond what their names were.

Helen McNeil, a freshman biological sciences major, said she felt awkward coming in late, but connected with Loquasto when she told him she wanted to be a physical therapist, which is his profession.

Destiny Collins, a freshman undecided major, said her favorite



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Comedian Jonny Loquasto performed stand-up Friday evening at 7th Street Underground.

part was when he tried out new jokes at the end.

Loquasto said he had fun visiting Eastern, and he would absolutely come back.

"This campus is beautiful; I thought I was driving by Disney

World when I saw the castle," he said.

When Loquasto mentioned Old Main, one audience member said it had been moved from somewhere else to its current location.

He then joked about the logistics of moving a castle, adding that he cannot even move a couch.

Loquasto, who has been doing stand-up for nine years, said he does not think he takes things too far.

"I think that's what comedy is for — we're supposed to laugh at things that we're not supposed to laugh at," he said.

He encouraged the members of the audience to pick up a copy of his album, "Thugged In," featuring parody tracks like "Teach me How to Duggar," and various rap songs, and to listen to his weekly podcast with WWE Hall of Fame wrestler Booker T.

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JORDAN GAY | DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Rochelle Gutiérrez, an mathematics professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, gives a speech about math and teaching as a political activity Friday.

Professor works math into modern social issues

By Jack Cruikshank
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From modern secondary education standards to the relevancy of standardized tests in today’s mathematics classrooms, Rochelle Gutiérrez discussed many modern issues Friday in a presentation to students and professors.

Gutiérrez, a professor of doctoral students within the math department at the University of Illinois, has spent much of her academic career studying math education and attempting to alleviate problems caused by what she terms a “high-stakes era” for teaching.

“Today, teachers are having to negotiate their practice with colleagues, students, parents, administrators and for-profit corporations,” she said. “It’s not enough for you to have your own sense of what it is you’re trying to do as a teacher.”

She said teachers at every level need to aspire to discuss the broad ideals of math before being able to convey specific principles such as memorizing formulas and postulates.

“[Teachers are] having to negotiate with other people – what is learning, what is education, what is the pur-

pose of schooling, what is mathematics?” she said.

Gutiérrez said another problem within education is the decrease in financial assets.

“A lot of teachers are working with fewer material and human resources, so today many teachers are having to be nurses, psychologists and other kinds of roles that schools have cut back on,” she said.

Gutiérrez also noted the change in for-profit corporations in their entrance into the business of “making and administering tests.”

“Pearson is an example of a company that just made textbooks and maybe some associated materials for learning different subjects,” she said. “I know that it’s quite shocking to many within educating that last year they started to becoming in the business of deciding how well students do, but also being tied to teacher performances.”

The changes within education in general are what Gutiérrez has been studying throughout her career.

“It used to be we, as university professors, had the say in terms of who is ready to be a teacher,” she said. “Many of us have the expertise within education, but now Pearson is the place that

students will pack up their portfolios – that we are not allowed to help them with – and they will pay \$400 to send this off to Pearson and then Pearson will decide whether or not they get to become teachers.”

To Gutiérrez, these changes embody how education is at “a different moment in terms of education” when private corporations are determining how students do on tests, who gets to stay a teacher and who gets to become a teacher in the first place.

“This is really different moment that we are in, in terms of education,” she said. “We just keep seeing that more and more products are getting developed around this model concerning a for-profit corporation weighing in.”

Gutiérrez also addressed the trend of states refusing to comply with national Common Core standards.

“A lot of teachers and researchers are not against the Common Core state standards, but I think that what people are saying is that teachers have not been given enough time or support to see how [Common Core] is going to play out,” she said.

She said she has observed the test-producing process from the opposite

side of teachers, i.e., helping Pearson-like companies develop tests.

“Unfortunately, I have served on the other side to develop items for the PARCC assessment, not because I am for the PARCC assessment or because I’m for Pearson, but for a number of years I was asked to develop those items, and I don’t believe in that whole movement of standardized tests,” she said. “So I said no, but after a number of years, I wanted to be on the other side to see what these tests look like.”

Because of her desire to preview these tests she says, “are coming,” Gutiérrez embraced the early stages of the standardized test planning.

“It was really scary, to be honest, the kinds of stuff that was being told to us about how [companies like Pearson] weren’t interested in taking responsibility about what was going to come out of those tests of students who don’t do well on the tests. It seemed to be, for example with New York Common Core, the argument seemed to be, ‘see look how poor your students are in learning that you didn’t even know about,’” she said.

Gutiérrez then discussed what she called “creative insubordination” in

school districts when dealing with districts that do not embody the ideals that Gutiérrez discussed, such as the discussion of “what is math?”

Alejandra Alvarado, a math professor at Eastern, said she was glad Gutiérrez was able to come speak to both students and faculty alike.

“I am interested in what are my students learning and what background they do have because a lot of my students come in with a certain expectation and it’s not there, so I am trying to figure out what I can do for them to better my class,” Alvarado said.

Alvarado said she was “pleasantly surprised” Gutiérrez agreed to come talk to the 34 people who attended the event.

Alvarado was able to secure funding to allow Gutiérrez to come to Eastern as a part of a Redden grant sponsored through Eastern.

As well as Gutiérrez, other math-related speakers will be coming to Eastern in future semesters as a part of the Redden grant.

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STAFF EDITORIAL:
Illinois resolution
on campaign
finance a step in
the right direction

Last week, Illinois became the third state in the nation to call for an amend-ments convention in order to reverse the effects of the Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision.

Senate Joint Resolution 42, which passed on Wednesday with the required 3/5ths super-majority, seeks to remove the increasing presence and influence of money within political elections by reversing the Court’s controversial ruling, in which corporations were granted “personhood” status.

As a direct result of that decision, cor-porations and privately wealthy donors were granted unfettered rights to pour money into the democratic process, thus making the 2012 presidential election the most expensive in United States history.

In this year’s midterm elections, the Center for Responsive Politics report-ed that candidates, parties and out-side groups spent a record \$3.67 billion throughout the election cycle, leading to what they called a “lack of public confi-dence in the ability of even willingness of elected officials to serve, rather than serve.”

Central to the basic tenants of the democratic process is the idea that every-day, ordinary citizens have a voice. Unfortunately, the continued influx of money, both disclosed and undisclosed, has drowned out those same voices, leav-ing in place a vacuum in which special interests reign supreme.

The fight to overturn the *Citizens United* decision, then, is a crucial step in the right direction, and is worth applause. According to Wolf-PAC, which helped prompt the resolution, 96 percent of Americans support “reducing the influ-ence of corruption in our political elec-tions.”

Additionally, this is an idea that has been relatively immune to partisan dis-course, as both Conservative and Liberals have often agreed the presence of money has muddled America’s legislative frame-work.

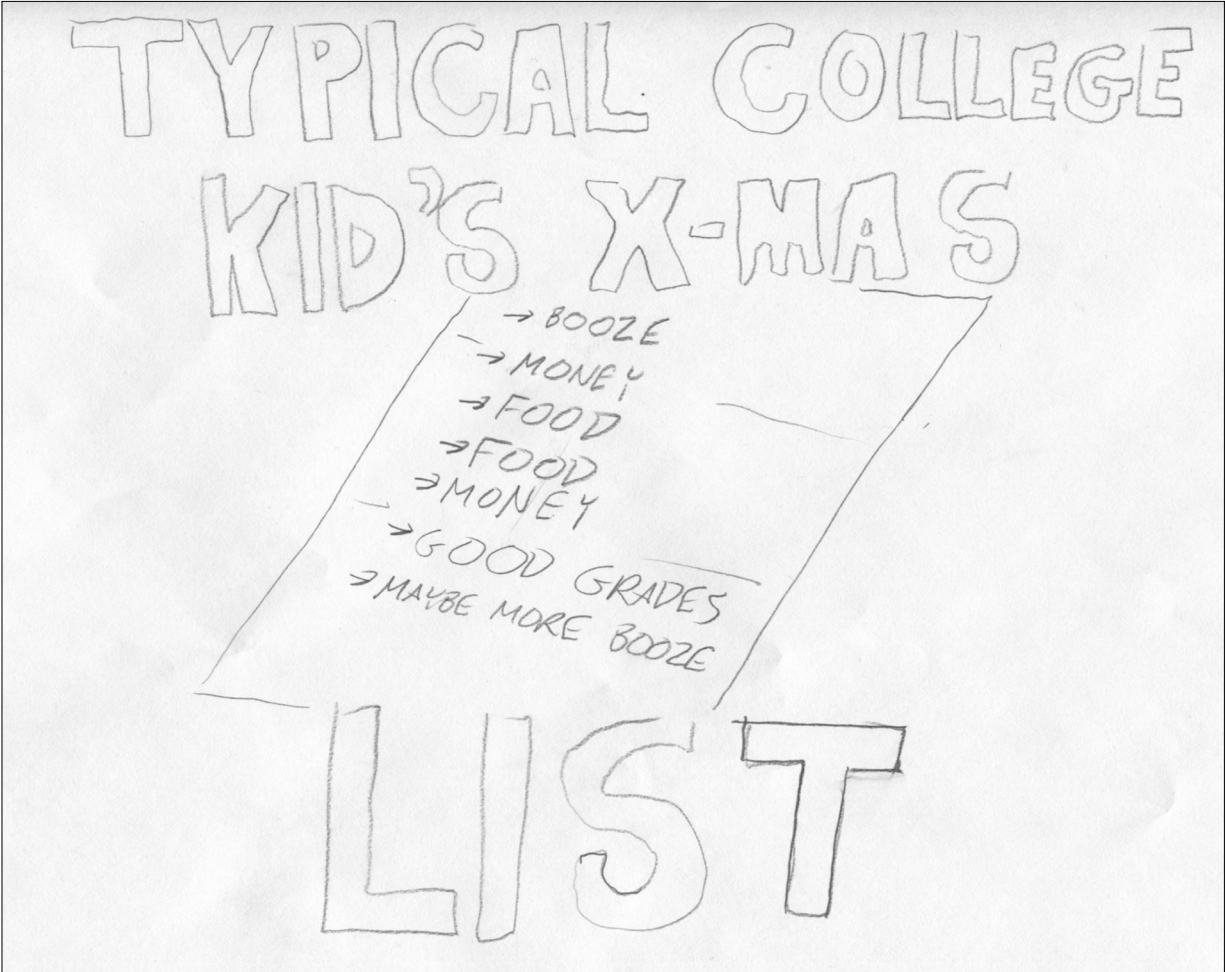
While the Senate’s resolution seems merely a symbolic gesture, and faces what look like insurmountable odds at pass-ing (thanks to, ironically, the same spe-cial interests groups the bill seeks to lim-it), it is still commendable, as raising public awareness of the Citizens decision will only help legislators defeat it in the future.

That might not seem a very notewor-thy idea, as the bill will require 34 states to call for the same convention as well as another 38 to ratify the amendment pro-posal.

However, the first step in solving prob-lems as daunting as corruption and spe-cial interests is making people aware the issue exists. In that regard, Illinois-ans should be proud their legislators are fighting to give their citizens a voice in the democratic process.

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JOHN WARD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Why I will always support Rob Ford

With a week under his belt already, Toronto’s new mayor, John Tory picks up the reins where the infamous Rob Ford left off. But it would be hard to look at Tory and not think of Ford’s reign and what he left in the wake for Toronto.

Of course, the first thing to come to mind would be crack cocaine. It would be followed up by a close second of drunken disorder.

But underneath the media frenzy of Ford’s personal habits rests a mayor who turned Toronto into the economic engine of Canada. In 2012, Ford implemented the privatization of garbage pick up west of Yonge, a major route that connects Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe.

This privatization saved \$11.9 mil-lion for the fiscal year, and \$11.1 million annually thereafter for the duration of the contract, which ends in 2019, according to CBC News.


As recent as one year ago, approval for Ford among low-income families sky-rocketed, all because of the work Ford did for the communities. Bringing in new parks, cleaning up the streets and working with families to make sure they could eat brought the then-mayor a rating of low-income families being twice as likely to re-elect him, according to The Star.

And Ford did these things while being under attack by critics for his person-al habits. Far too often when in the pub-lic eye, those in the spotlight receive the harshest criticism from their personal lives.

Is what Ford did when he induced crack cocaine illegal? Well, yeah, duh. Are some of his antics outlandish, rude or deroga-tory? Yes, yes and yes. But judge not the man you elect on his personal reflections, but instead what he does for the people.

Everyone knew President John F. Ken-nedy was having extramarital affairs. Well-documented proof comes years later that the two were together.

And yet, we celebrate the president



Bob Galuski

for his actions in the office. A 2011 Gal-lup Poll on presidency popularity among Americans lists JFK at No. 4.

And where will Ford rank in 50 years? Probably, he’ll be remembered as the crack-addicted lug who coached the Eto-bicoke’s Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School’s football team.

Politics these days have taken a dark, twisted turn. Just coming off of an elec-tion, we see a slew of ads that do not pro-mote the candidate, but instead diminish-es the character of the opponent.

We watch as presidents take office with empty promises and governors wind up in jail for political conspiracies. But instead of making politics the game he lost, Ford found an alternative: he helped a city while destroying himself.

Of course what he did was illegal. No one will attest to that. Immorally wrong? Definitely. But in the end, it shouldn’t be a judgment of his character, but how well he does the job.

The mannerisms, the pleasantries, the decorum, while by society’s standards should be part of the political norm, do not dictate how a person does the job. And quite frequently we see people spear-headed because of their actions outside office.

While we hold these humans to a higher standard, we forget that they are human. If a factory worker or a business-person is caught with crack, or pushes

someone down in their personal life, the employer can decide to terminate them if it’s part of the contract.

And while Ford has given the public opportunity after opportunity to take him out, the people still re-elect him. And, for the record, the only reason Tory took office over Ford, was because Ford willing-ly admitted himself into rehab (albeit, for the fifth time...)

While an ideal is something to strive for, it is just that: an ideal. If you want-ed angels to run your office, you barked up the wrong tree. The traditions of this world see to it that with every “noble” job comes a darker corner.

Ford was never apologetic. He nev-er cared how the public viewed him. He never ceased trying to be who he was just because CNN caught him missing a field goal and rolling around on the ground on national television. He never wanted more than to give back to his city, which he did — time and time again.

As Tory continues to put his mark on Toronto with his term as mayor, look back to the previous mayor. Obviously do not be inspired by his drug use—that’s not the way to go. But instead be inspired by the character of his determination. The sheer audacity of which he presented himself, but in an unflinching, uncaring way, a way that more people should be like — more like themselves.

Say what you will about Ford. He’s a drug addict. He’s loud. He’s obnox-ious. He’s rude and boisterous, and igno-rant. But he helped make Toronto a bet-ter place. He divided his city with sup-porters and those who were disgusted by his antics.

But in the end, he never apologized. He never backed down. You don’t see many people like that nowadays.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF CHARLESTON



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Pikachu stands, dressed with a Santa Claus hat, outside of The End Zone on the Charleston Square Saturday. The character was used as part of Christmas in the Heart of Charleston Saturday. Christy Easton, the owner of the End Zone, said since Pokemon was a hot topic, she decided to incorporate it into Christmas in the Heart of Charleston.



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Noah Daughtry, 7, looks at a porcelain house display during Christmas in the Heart of Charleston Saturday in the Charleston Square. Daughtry was accompanied by his grandparents, Deb and Dale Wolf.



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Dancers with Dance Life perform scenes from The Nutcracker during Christmas in the Heart of Charleston Saturday at their studio in the Charleston Square.



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Christy Easton, the owner of The End Zone gaming store on the Charleston Square, plays in the window of her store Saturday for Christmas in the Heart of Charleston. She is dressed as an elf playing with games to help celebrate the festivities. She said this was the store's first year participating in Christmas in the Heart of Charleston.

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“We will not respond to cuts in state appropriations by drastically raising tuition,” Perry said. McCann said the university expects additional savings through attrition for the spring semester. “The biggest thing we still got, there will be additional people leaving and additional people not replaced,” McCann said. “We will have to see what the legislature takes up.” To help with budget costs this academic year, Eastern’s capital reserve for a new science

building was used. “We had set aside about \$9 million, which was to be used for the development of construction for a new science building,” McCann said. “That project couldn’t start without a significant amount of state funding.” McCann said the university had three years to use the money for a new science building, but those three years passed without starting the project because of lack of state funding. “We had every good inten-

tion when we put that money aside, we all thought there was potential,” he said. “The president really pushed to make it happen in Springfield, but it didn’t.” The money is now being put into other uses, such as helping fund the deficit and make improvements. “The reason for reserves is so if you do have budget decreases, you can judiciously conservatively use your reserves,” Perry said. “That fee is also to be used to improve current facilities in

the biological science building and the physical science building.” Perry said the university has been consistent. “Enrollment has been cyclical, budgets have been cyclical, and we always come through stronger,” Perry said. “As we move forward in future fiscal environment, we will move forward regardless.”

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» CHRISTMAS CLASSICS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The actors continued to perform at the same time, with MacMullen playing both Ebenezer Scrooge and George Bailey, or “Ebenezer Bailey” as the cast called him. Along with the mash up of these holiday classics, the ac-

tors also portrayed reporters covering the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, with Anderson reprising the character Gustav the Green Nosed ReinGoat, this time as a parade float. The play ended with the

cast coming out to sing a Christmas song, which combined many of the familiar Christmas carols including “Carol of the Bells” and “Feliz Navidad.” The audience left the play in a good mood, ready to

venture out and see the rest of what Christmas in the Heart of Charleston had to offer. Cassie Buchman can be reached at 581-2812 or cjbuchman@eiu.edu.

» RESIDENCE HALLS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Other than making sure residences are left in proper condition, staff will keep busy cleaning and renovating. Hudson said they clean suite bathrooms, including Greek Court and Stevenson Hall, which are normally cleaned during the year by the residents.

He said they also clean large areas, such as dining carpets that are harder to do during the semester. “We will also be continuing to work on the room renovations in Lawson,” Hudson said. “Other than Pem, when we finish Lawson, we will have completed the

room renovations in all the halls.” If residents of Douglas Hall, Lincoln Hall, Stevenson Hall or Thomas Hall and plan to stay during the semester break, students need to contact their director by Dec. 17 for permission to stay. The charge for staying during the

break is \$80 per week. Residence halls and Greek Court will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 19 and re-open at 9 a.m. Jan. 9. Margaret Langevin can be reached at 581-2812 or mclangevin@eiu.edu.

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Eastern travels for rematch at UC Davis

By Blake Nash
Staff Reporter | @Banash5

It was just two weeks ago that the Eastern men's basketball team dropped a heartbreaking loss at home to California Davis.

The Panthers have a chance to redeem their 63-61 defeat at 9 p.m. Tuesday, when they travel west to take on the Aggies in a non-conference rematch.

Scheduling conflicts left the Panthers with an open date in their non-conference schedule, which was later made into another game with the Aggies.

"We've got to go that "W" back, Eastern guard Le'Irell "Snoop" Viser said. "We've got to execute down the stretch more, especially on defense."

In regards to their last matchup, Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said that the Aggies guarded very well late in the game and set up a lot of ball screens.

"I thought they were really active, especially on Dylan (Chatman)," Spoonhour said. "Dylan did a great job and busted his tail, fighting through a lot of ball screens."

Chatman finished with 15 points, five rebounds and three assists, but missed a buzzer-beating jumper, which would have sent the game into overtime.

The Panthers are riding a two-game winning streak, and are looking for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

Eastern is currently 3-5, but is 0-3 away from Lantz Arena.

"We missed a couple of bunnies in the second half of that game, that's going to be the key to this one," Eastern forward Trae Anderson said.

Eastern was only 8-for-26 from the field during the second half, which was good for 31 percent.

The Panthers finished shooting 38 percent en route to their two-point loss against UC Davis.

Skyhawks play road warriors during latest trip

Although winning away from home can be difficult even for the best teams in the country, Tennessee-Martin has found comfort on the road this season.

The Skyhawks were victorious Saturday in a win over Big South conference member Longwood 77-67.

That was the Skyhawks' fourth road victory of this young season, and ties them for the most road wins in NCAA Division I basketball with Massachusetts-Lowell.

The Skyhawks are in the midst of a six-game road trip, with a 3-1 record, which will continue on Dec. 15 when they travel up north to take on Illinois-Chicago, and Illinois State on Dec 17. Tennessee-Martin is currently 6-2 this season.

"It was a gutty win," Tennessee-Martin coach Heath Schroyer said in a press release. "We didn't play our best but we found a way to win. They cut it to seven points and we could have crumbled but I thought we showed a lot of character. Javier and several others really stepped up and made plays when they needed to."

Forward Javier Martinez came off the bench and tallied 10 points and four rebounds in 11 minutes of action, helping his team to a 15-point lead.

He scored eight of the Skyhawks' 10 points during a span of 3:33 to help Tennessee-Martin stretch the lead with four minutes remaining.

Teammates Deville Smith and Twymond Howard led the team with 16 points, apiece.

The Skyhawks lead the Ohio Valley Conference west division with a 5-2 record, with both their losses coming on the road to Marquette and Nebraska.



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Dylan Chatman, a guard, attempts a shot in the game Wednesday against Ball State University in Lantz Arena. Chatman was 2-6 from the field in the Panthers' win.

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Jacksonville State maintains winning streak

By Bob Reynolds
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The Jacksonville State women's basketball team continued its good start to the year, as it defeated Jackson State 64-57 on Friday night.

With the win, the Gamecocks improved to 6-1 on the season, winning six straight games. This is their best start since the 1990-91 season.

Junior Destany McLin came out of her scoring slump with her third double-double of her career with a season-best 22 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in Jacksonville State's latest win.

She registered the double-double by halftime, when she posted 16 of her final tally in the opening half and pulled down 11 rebounds by the end of the first half.

She played 39 minutes in the game, which is a career-high for her.

The Gamecocks had two other players in double-digits as this is the sixth straight game that they had three players reaching double-figure scoring.

Also on Friday, Eastern picked up its third victory of the season, while Morehead State was defeated by Akron.

On Saturday, there were seven games that involved Ohio Valley Conference teams.

Austin Peay, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Kentucky were the only three teams to pick up victories.

The Lady Govs were without Tearra Banks because of an ankle injury, but they did not miss a beat as they defeated Brescia 99-63. With the win, the Lady Govs improved to 2-6 on the season.

They got out to a 17-5 lead early in the game and would not let Brescia get any



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Freshman guard Grace Lennox makes a drive to the basket during the Panthers' 77-66 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Friday at Lantz Arena. The Panthers improve to 3-4 on the season.

closer the rest of the game.

Austin Peay entered halftime with a 54-23 lead, held Brescia to 23.5 percent shooting in the first half.

The Lady Govs committed 13 turnovers in the second half, but were able to push their lead to 40 points.

Freshman Madison Rich led Austin Peay with 26 points, and converted on 4-of-7 from 3-point range.

Senior Tiasha Gray added 23 points and eight assists.

Southeast Missouri went on a 9-1 run during the final three minutes to defeat

Central Arkansas on Saturday.

Jasmine Robinson hit the go-ahead basket with 16 seconds remaining to improve the Redhawks to 3-5 on the season.

Robinson finished the game with a game-high 14 points and scored in double figures for the fifth consecutive game.

Connor King added a game-high 12 rebounds, marking the fourth time in the last five contests that she reached double digits on the boards.

Eastern Kentucky was the final team in the OVC to win during the weekend, as the Colonels defeated Marshall 63-58 to improve to 4-3 on the season.

Miranda Maples and Michaela Hunter each scored 12 points to lead the Colonels.

Maples' 12 point outing was a season-high for her and Hunter, who is the team's leading scorer, missed most of the first half with foul trouble, but bounced back to score nine points, have four steals and three assists in the second half.

With the Colonels only leading by one, Shameekia Murray hit her only 3-point shot of the game with 28 seconds left to extend the lead to four points.

Hunter would ice the game by making two free throws with six seconds remaining.

The Panthers beat Omaha-Nebraska 77-66 Friday night at Lantz Arena and now are preparing for two consecutive road games.

Eastern plays at noon Wednesday in Milwaukee, Wis., and then at 7 p.m. Friday at Western Illinois in Macomb.

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Hockey club drops series to Davenport

Davenport shuts down Eastern 13-1, 18-1

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Eastern hockey club was swept in its final series of the semester, falling to Davenport by scores of 13-1 on Friday and 18-1 on Saturday at the David S. Palmer Ice Arena in Danville.

Davenport's Division II team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and never looked back.

Freshman forward Chris McRae had three goals for Davenport, recording his first collegiate hat trick.

In Saturday's game, Davenport scored a season-high 18 goals in its second win of the weekend.

Davenport improved to 12-1-1, while Eastern dropped to 3-8.

Eastern's last win was in overtime against St. Mary's of Minnesota on Nov. 15.

The series was the final two games in the Eastern hockey career of goalie Andrew Teske.

Teske, a senior exercise science major from New Lenox, is graduating this semester.

Teske has been on the team for five years.

"Overall I think it's just us learning from our mistakes," Teske said before the game. "We're a young team and I know that the team is heading in the right direction."

The Eastern hockey club has six series remaining on the schedule for the spring semester.

The Panthers take on Cincinnati at on Jan. 9 and 10, and Indiana University on the road on Jan. 16 and 17, followed by another road trip to face Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Jan. 23 and 24.

Eastern returns to the David S. Palmer Arena on Jan. 30 and 31 for a two-game series against Lindenwood Bellville.

The club finishes up the schedule on the road with two games against Saint Louis on Feb. 7 and 8, before closing the season at Notre Dame on Feb. 20 and 21.

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@DEN_Sports tweet of the day: #EIU defeats Nebraska-Omaha 77-66. @SabiOroszova led the Panthers with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Eastern improves to 3-4 on the season.

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Oroszova shines in Panthers' victory

By Bob Reynolds
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Sabina Oroszova scored 19 points and had 12 rebounds in the Eastern women's basketball team's 77-66 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Friday at Lantz Arena.

Oroszova got the ball rolling in the second half with 12 points and shot 5-of-10 from the floor after she was held to just 1-of-3 shooting in the first half and had seven points.

With the 19 points being a season high for Oroszova, she said there is still room for improvement.

"I don't know why, but my shots from the outside are not falling, so I need to work on that," she said. "My confidence is fine, but I need to work on it. I need to stop getting frustrated when the game is not going my way."

This marks Oroszova's 22nd career double-double and with her five blocks, she moved into second on the Eastern career blocks list with 141.

Along with Oroszova, the Panthers had two other players in double-digits, in Phylcia Johnson and Shakita Cox.

Johnson came out of the gates firing off the bench in the first half, as she scored eight consecutive points late in the first half to give the Panthers a 22-15 lead.

She finished the half and the game with 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting from the floor, which was her career-high point total.

Cox finished the game with 14 points on 5-of-8 shooting, which is also her career-high.

With the three players in double-digit scoring, head coach Debbie Black said she was happy to see her team score some points, as the 77 points is the most the Panthers have scored this season.

"It was good to see some of our guards make some shots, which is critical," she said. "We got good bench play, that is important. We moved the ball well. I thought our defense was pretty good. We pressed and we ran. We did what we needed to do."

Coming out of halftime up 36-28, the Panthers put the foot on the gas pedal.

They would go on a 14-4 run in about five and a half minutes to start the half, to put them up 18 points, which was their highest margin of the season.

The teams would play back-and-forth basketball for the remainder of the game, and would not let Omaha get any closer.

The Panthers put on the press for the majority of the game and Black said she was the one that wanted to be the aggressor.

"I wanted us to set the tone," she said. "I said 'we are not going to sit back'. We have a lot of horses and we can run. I wanted to make sure we did that."

The Panthers had four days to prepare for the game on Friday and it obviously paid off.

Black said they worked on their offense as much as possible.



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Senior forward Sabina Oroszova looks for an open teammate during the Panthers' 77-66 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Friday at Lantz Arena. Oroszova led EIU with 19 points and 12 rebounds. The Panthers improve to 3-4 on the season.

"We knew they were going to play a 2-3 zone, so we worked on our offense," she said. "But it did help us regroup and we actually came out pretty good (Friday).

The Panthers will travel to Milwaukee, Wisc., on Wednesday to face the University of Milwaukee.

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2 Panthers break records at EIU Early Bird meet

By Mark Shanahan
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Two records were broken at the annual EIU Early Bird meet, as junior Dhiaa Dean and a newcomer to the team Nyjah Lane each broke previous Eastern records Friday inside the Lantz Fieldhouse for the women's track and field team.

Dean broke the record in the 600-meter dash, with a time of 1:32.94 seconds, beating the old time of 1:34.28. Lane broke the record in the 60-meter dash, with a time of 7.53 seconds, beating the previous record of 7.58 set in 2005.

For the Eastern men's track and field team, junior Calvin Edwards finished first in the 200-meter dash, crossing the finish line with a time of 21.66 seconds. Norvel

Mohammed and Ephraim Dorsey each finished first in their 400-meter and 600-meter events, respectively.

Mohammed participates in the 200, 400 and sometimes the 60-meter events. He said he has to spend countless hours preparing for every meet.

"A lot of gym work," he said. "I've been in the gym for about two hours most days and that really benefits me. My goal is to place top three in nationals and win nationals."

Mohammed ran the 400-meter dash and had a time of 48.91 seconds, while Dorsey ran the 600-meter run with a time of 1:20.82 seconds.

In the field events, junior Angelica Anyaogu won first place in the long jump with a distance of 18-feet, 1.75 inches and senior

Aviance King led the male competitors in the high jump with a score of 6-feet, 8.25 inches.

Anyaogu along with freshman Darneisha Spann and Haleigh Knapp, placed second in their 60-meter hurdles and high jump events, respectively. Senior Katie Ryan also placed second in the women's pentathlon event.

Edwards came in a close second in the 60-meter dash for the Panthers and sophomore Kendall Williams also finished second in the long jump. Williams also participated in the triple jump, where he placed third.

Junior Annemarie Reid placed third in women's pole vault with a score of 12-feet, 5.5 inches. Senior Sadie Lovett placed fifth, with at 11-feet, 7.75 inches. Junior Eric

Gordon also placed fifth for the men with a pole vault of 14-feet, 7.25 inches.

Senior David Johansson had the best weight throw for the Eastern men, which earned the senior a third place finish. Junior Janie Howse placed fourth in the weight throw and sixth in the shot put, with throws of 54-feet, 4.75 inches and 41-feet, 1.75 inches, respectively.

The Eastern men's and women's team are both off for almost six weeks now until their next meet, which is the Illinois Intercollegiate on Jan. 17, in Champaign-Urbana.

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